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February 27, 2002

Mr. Allen J. Fiksdal
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Re: Starbuck Power Project, Application No. 2001-02:
Request for Suspension of Proceedings

Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

Starbuck Power Company, L.L.C. ("Starbuck Power Company") respectfully requests that EFSEC suspend its proceedings on the Starbuck Power Project ("Project") for a period of six months. As a result of the failure of the Bonneville Power Administration ("BPA") to provide necessary commitments regarding the funding and construction of transmission facilities required by the Project, changes in the wholesale power markets, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission imposition of artificial caps on wholesale prices, and other events that individually and in the aggregate have had a material adverse effect on the viability of the Project, Starbuck Power Company has determined not to pursue further development of the Project at this time. During the suspension period, the company intends to evaluate options for the Project, including potential sale, prolonged suspension, or termination.

Starbuck Power Company would propose that the Project go into inactive status at EFSEC effective March 11, 2002, after completion but before issuance of the Draft EIS for the Project. The petitions for intervention that have been received would not be acted upon by EFSEC, and the first prehearing conference would not be held. Starbuck Power Company would pay all reasonable direct costs incurred by EFSEC in its proceedings with respect to the Project (such as direct staff costs and consultant costs), as well as Starbuck Power Company's pro rata share of indirect EFSEC costs, through March 11, 2002. Starbuck Power Company is making a parallel request to BPA that BPA suspend its activity on the Project Draft EIS and related matters.

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Starbuck Power Company and its parent, PPL Global, greatly appreciate the efforts that the Council and staff have devoted to the Project, and the Council's consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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